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Commander Ruben Piedrahita
Naval Attache to the Colombian Embassy
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander Piedrahita:

Your informative and aptly prepared letter outlining the information developed by your Government concerning the unfortunate occurrence of April 9, 1948 was of great interest. Unfortunately, I am unable to add anything of value to your presentation.

Prior to the Pan-American Conference held in Bogota in April 1948, we were advised that the Communists were planning to embarrass the Colombian Government and the other governments attending the conference, but we received no information as to the precise manner in which this was to be accomplished or who was involved in the plans. At no time have we developed any factual information that would prove that the April 9 incident was the result of foreign planning or interference or that any Colombian citizen was or had planned an uprising with foreign assistance.

Your letter has given me a clearer picture of the efforts being made by your government to develop the facts in this case and you may rest assured that we will assist you in this matter in any way we can. You will be fully informed should we develop any information establishing foreign interference in this case.

Sincerely,

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